

Community Matters

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Win a \$500 voucher!

Look inside to find out how

Pick up after your pet

Picking up after your pet keeps our public spaces clean for everyone to enjoy, and it's also the law.

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Mildura Rural City Council

Plenty on for 12-25 year olds

Making up around 16 per cent of our region's population, young people play a key role in shaping our community. Council is continually working to ensure the health and wellbeing of 12 to 25 year olds and meet their ever-changing needs.

Our Youth Engagement Services team delivers a dynamic range of services and programs to young people throughout our region. Some great events and opportunities coming up include:

September School Holiday Program

Beat the boredom these school holidays with a range of fun, low-cost and fully supervised activities

for 12-16 year olds. Activities will run from 24 September to 5 October. Enrolments are now open so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Show Us Your Shorts Film Competition

Secondary school aged students are invited to get creative and produce a short film for a chance to share in great cash prizes. All entries will be shown at a special screening on Tuesday 16 October. Entries open 1 September and close on 1 October.

Youth Action Committee

This 12 month program provides opportunities for year 10 students to gain valuable leadership skills and be a voice for the youth of our region. Applications for the 2019

Youth Action Committee will open in November. Stay tuned for more details.

FReeZA Committee

Help plan and stage live music and cultural events for young people in our region. Applications from 16-25 year olds to join the FReeZA Committee for 2019 will open in November. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information about these and other great youth programs call our Youth Engagement Services team on 5018 8280, go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth or check out Youth Services Mildura on Facebook or Instagram.

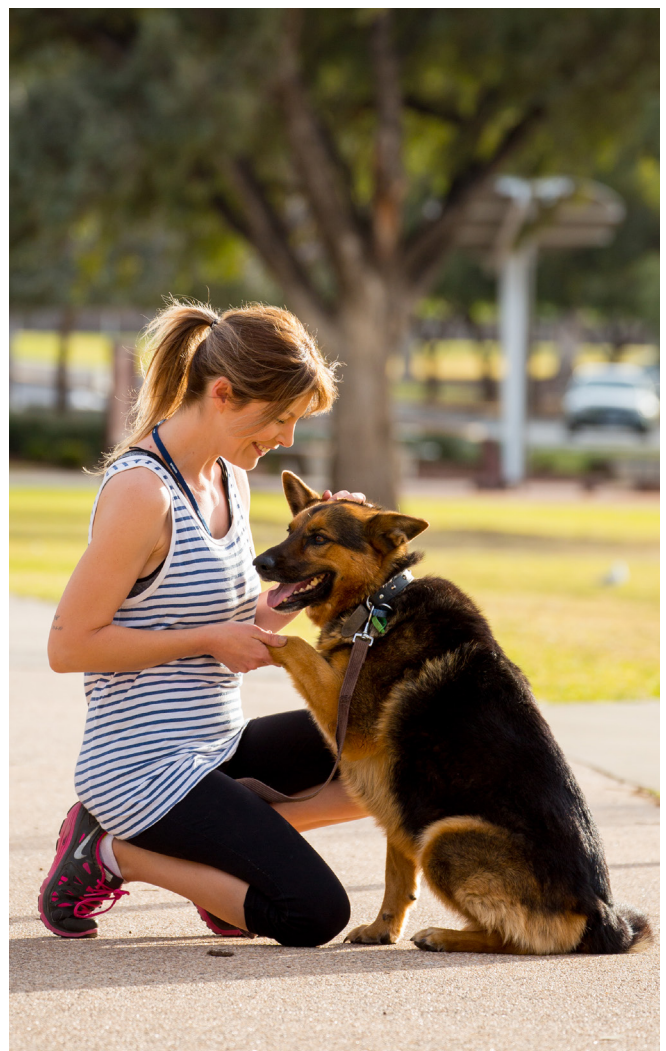
Consider others when walking your dog

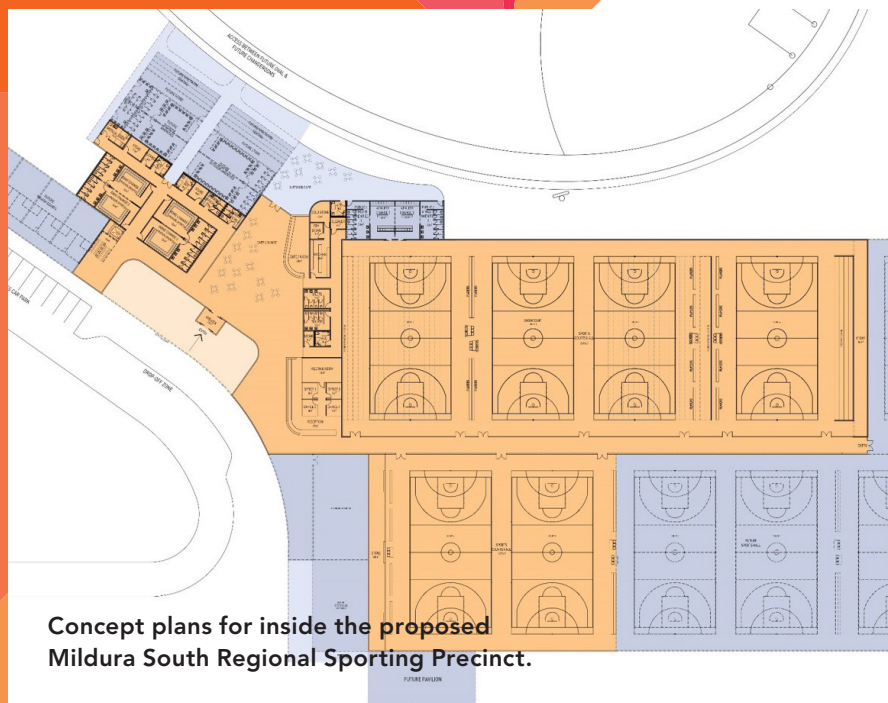
They are known as man's best friend, so it's no surprise that more than 7,500 dogs are kept as pets in our region. Dogs are great companions, can help keep you active and bring lots of joy.

Owning a dog also means you have responsibilities, particularly if you're taking your furry friend out and about in our community.

Legally, all dogs must be on a leash when walked in public, unless you're using the dedicated Off Leash Dog Park on Mildura's Hugh King Drive. Leashing your dog is the law because it ensures the safety your dog, other dogs and other people. Even if you have a good command over your dog when it's not on a leash – or even if it's small – other people may be frightened or intimidated, so make sure you always keep it on a leash.

It's also the law to pick up after your dog if it does its business in a public place. Technically, dog poo is littering and you could be fined if you don't clean it up. Be sure to carry plastic bags with you when walking your dog in a park, recreation reserve or footpath. As well as being unsightly and annoying for others using these areas, dog poo can pose health and environmental risks. Biodegradable options are available to buy online if you'd prefer not to use single-use plastic bags.





Concept plans for inside the proposed Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct.

\$10m boost for Mildura Future Ready

The Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct (MSRSP) moved another step closer to reality last month following a successful application for \$10 million in Australian Government funding.

The MSRSP is part of Council’s Mildura Future Ready advocacy and funding strategy, which aims to improve our region’s economic and social wellbeing through four key initiatives:

- Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct
- Mildura Motorsports and Community Precinct (Stage 1)
- Stage 2 of the Riverfront Redevelopment
- Advocate for the return of Mildura’s passenger rail service

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad last month announced Council was successful in applying for \$10 million as part of the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund for the MSRSP.

Together with \$6 million in this year’s Council budget, this project could now commence as part of a staged development.

However, in a bid to complete as much of this project as possible during the initial phase of works, Council has applied for a further \$3 million through the Victorian Government’s Better Indoor Stadiums Fund.

This would allow construction of a six-court indoor stadium, which would cater for a host of indoor sports including badminton, volleyball and basketball.

Council expects the outcome of this application next month.

In the meantime, Council is hopeful of securing additional funding commitments in the lead up to November’s Victorian Election. Member for Mildura Peter Crisp has already announced the Coalition Government would inject \$10 million into the project if it was successful in the upcoming election.



Mayor Mark Eckel with 2018 Citizen of the Year Denis Ryan

Australia Day Award nominations now open

Our region is bursting with community-minded individuals and groups, whose contributions make this a great place to live. Our Australia Day Awards are the perfect opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and achievements of these individuals and groups.

Nominations for the 2019 Awards are now open. Categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Project or Event of the Year.

These prestigious awards are one of the highest honours Council can bestow to publicly acknowledge local heroes, whose dedication and contributions may otherwise go unnoticed.

For more information and nomination forms go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/awards or call us on 5018 8100.

Nominations close on Friday 9 November 2018 and winners will be announced at our 2019 Australia Day celebration breakfast at Mildura’s Nowingi Place.

Grant Applications Now Open

Applications for the following Council grants are now open:

- Recreation Development Grant
- Recreation Facilities Upgrade Grant
- Environmental Project Grant
- Community Project Grant

Community groups, clubs and not-for profit organisations are invited to apply for funding.

Applications close 17 September.

Find out more at www.mildura.vic.gov.au/grants or call 5018 8100.

Free Wi-Fi in the CBD and riverfront

It's great to see residents and visitors alike making use of the free Wi-Fi around Mildura's CBD and riverfront areas.

Around 400 people have been tapping in to the service every week since it went live in July last year.

Provided by Council in partnership with Telstra, you can access the free Wi-Fi when you're in the Langtree Mall and Langtree Avenue dining precinct (although not inside stores and restaurants) and along the riverfront between Jaycee Park and The Nowingi Place.

The service is free and can be used by anyone with a Wi-Fi-enabled mobile device.

Council also offers free public Wi-Fi at local libraries, the Mildura Arts Centre and the Ouyen Service Centre.



WHAT'S ON



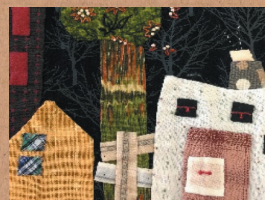
GALLERY



ART DIRECTIONS 2018

Arts Educators
Thursday 30 August – Sunday 14 October
Celebrate the practise of arts educators in our region.

Image: Rhian McLeod, *Brolga* 2.



A GOOD YARN 50 YEARS LONG: 1968 – 2018

The Embroiderers Guild, Victoria, Mildura Branch
Thursday 6 September – Sunday 21 October
Bringing together traditional and contemporary stitching techniques and wonderfully varied forms.

Image: Sylvia Ryland, *Houses* (detail).



THE PICKET SENTINELS

Katy Mutton
Thursday 1 November – Sunday 16 December
Exploring the physical state of returned servicemen who were allocated blocks of land at Red Cliffs after WWI.

Image: Katy Mutton, *Marking the map* (detail). 2016. Ink and acrylic on kozo paper.

milduraartscentre.com.au

THEATRE



FOR LOVE OR MONEY

Ginger and Tonic
7.30pm, Saturday 15 September
Specialising in original songs and impertinent parodies. These girls are sexy, sassy and slightly bogan...



NIGHT AND DAY – THE DORIS AND SHIRLEY SHOW

Gina Hogan
2pm, Wednesday 10 October
There's something for everyone – fabulous music, beautiful costumes, and that voice!



LIOR - BETWEEN YOU AND ME

7.30pm, Thursday 8 November
Performing an intimate concert of songs from his new album, as well as selections from his vast back catalogue of recordings.

CREATIVE VICTORIA

More disabled car parking spaces in Mildura CBD



People with limited mobility now have access to more parking spots in Mildura’s CBD. Two new disabled permit spaces have been created – one in Langtree Avenue and one in Eighth Street – and a third is planned for Lime Avenue.

Ideally, one in every 100 parking spaces must be reserved for disability access, however in the Mildura CBD, the ratio is closer to one in every 51. This is great news for the more than 3,600 people living in our region who require assistance and support with core activities.

All disabled parking spaces are clearly marked and can only be used by vehicles displaying an approved and current Disabled Parking Permit. To qualify for these permits, drivers must have a legitimate need, verified by a Medical Practitioner.

To apply for a Disabled Parking Permit contact us or download an application form from our website.

The Mildura CBD Disability Access Map highlights the locations of all disabled parking bays and other useful information to assist people with a disability navigate around Mildura's CBD. You can download a copy from our website.

Videos showcase accessibility of local parks

Want to know how accessible some of our parks are? You can now take a virtual tour to see what it’s like to navigate five local parks if you use a wheel chair or other mobility aide. The videos also highlight accessible features and equipment such as public toilets at each park. Filmed and produced by FLO Connect students the videos are available to view on our website now.



New era in swimming pools

Council will enter a new chapter in the management of its public swimming pools later this year after Aligned Leisure successfully tendered for the five-year contract.

Aligned Leisure will manage all eight of Council’s swimming pools, including Mildura Waves Aquatic & Leisure Centre and outdoor pools at Irymple, Red Cliffs, Merbein, Ouyen, Underbool, Murrayville and Colignan.

The contract, which starts from 1 November, follows a comprehensive and competitive tender process.

Aligned Leisure will offer employment to local staff, while existing pool committees of management at Colignan, Underbool and Murrayville will continue to play a key advisory role, providing local input into the operation and programming at these sites.

Packaging together the management of Council’s eight public swimming pools will ensure consistency of service across all sites.

Aligned Leisure is a subsidiary of the Richmond Football Club and currently manages swimming pools and aquatic centres in the Albury, Wodonga, Cardinia and Nillumbik Shires.

Their tender submission included a detailed transition plan with a focus on engaging existing staff.



Corroboree 2018



Corroboree celebrates Aboriginal culture and history

Aboriginal culture and history was on show at Corroboree in July. Members of our local Indigenous community generously shared their art, music, dance and food at this special event held during NAIDOC Week. Around 300 people attended the event, which was held at Mildura's Nowingi Place.





New-look library services for Mallee Track and Millewa

Mallee Track and Millewa residents will have more access to libraries than ever before when a new approach to delivering the services is implemented later this year.

The existing mobile library that visits towns once a week will be replaced with a combination of pop-up and permanent libraries, including:

- Permanent library at Council's Ouyen Service Centre
- Permanent library at Pioneer Park, Murrayville
- Weekly pop-up library at the Underbool-Linga Hall
- Weekly pop-up library at the Walpeup Hall
- Weekly pop-up library at the Werrimull Hall
- Weekly pop-up library at the former Lake Cullulleraine Tennis Club building

Construction of the new Murrayville library building has already started off-site and signage erected in Pioneer Park shows residents what their new library will look like and where it will be located. A part-time Library Officer has also been recruited to operate the service once it is open.

Work to convert office space at Council's Ouyen Service Centre is underway and when complete the library will be open to the public during normal office hours.

Some minor works are required on the Underbool-Linga Hall to get it ready to house a pop-up library for locals and these will be completed in the coming weeks.

A new ramp has been installed at the Walpeup Hall to ensure the building is accessible to all when the pop-up library is established there.

The Werrimull Hall will be home to the township's pop-up library. No works are required to this building.



Image caption

Rediscover your local library

There might be changes planned for some facilities, but there's still plenty happening at our local libraries. If you haven't been to the library in a while, why not pay it a visit. You might be surprised at what's on offer!

School holiday program

Designed for primary school aged children, these craft and story-inspired sessions are just \$2 each and will be held at libraries during the September school holidays. Bookings will open on September 10.

eLibrary Apps

Reading doesn't always mean turning pages in a book! Library members can borrow the latest eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines thanks to free applications that can be downloaded to your smart phone or tablet.

Children's story sessions

Free weekly fun for babies, toddlers, and children. These sessions encourage families to discover literacy through stories, songs and nursery rhymes.

1,000 Books Before School

A free program that encourages children to read 1,000 books before starting school. Register your child – no matter their age – and receive a reading record and kit to get started. Once reading milestones are reached, return to the library for a special reward.

For more information about these and other great programs on offer, contact your local library or go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/library

Seniors Festival celebrates over 55s

Last year hundreds of locals enjoyed Seniors Festival and it is hoped even more will do the same for the 2018 event.

The Festival, which is a state-wide celebration, runs from Monday 8 October to Friday 12 October. Anyone aged 55 years or over is invited to join in the festivities.

An exciting program of low-cost and free activities are planned for seniors to enjoy. Highlights include an Asian themed luncheon prepared by SuniTAFE students, Thai Chi session, family history researching with Mildura & District Genealogical Society, a bus tour to heritage sites of The Chaffey Trail and a day at the movies.

The week will finish with a bang when Australia's king of country rock music Jade Hurley performs live at the Red Cliffs Civic Centre.

Tickets will be available from Monday 10 September at all Council Service Centres, Merbein and Red Cliffs Libraries and over the phone using your credit card.

For more information and a full Festival program call Council or go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/seniors



 In support of
White Ribbon

WHITE RIBBON COMMUNITY WALK

Friday 23 November 2018
Departing Langtree Mall

Join us as we campaign to stop
violence against women in our
community.



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If you need an interpreter we can help. To access an interpreter, call TIS National on 131 450 and ask them to call Mildura Rural City on (03) 5018 8100. You can also ask for an interpreter when you visit our Service Centres in person.

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